

A RESOLUTION

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BY PUBLIC SAFETY AND LEGAL ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A GIFT
TO THE ATLANTA POLICE DEPARTMENT OF ONE
THOROUGHbred HORSE FOR USE BY THE POLICE MOUNTED
PATROL, VALUED AT \$1,500, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

WHEREAS, the Atlanta Police Mounted Patrol has proven to be an effective law enforcement tool, especially in situations where crowd control is required to maintain order, and

WHEREAS, The Atlanta Police Department has been offered one additional horse to be used for mounted patrol operations, and

WHEREAS, the addition of this horse to the Mounted Patrol stable will enhance Mounted Patrol operations and police crime control efforts

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA, GEORGIA

Section one: that the Mayor is hereby authorized to accept the gift of one horse, valued at \$1,500, from Mr. Fabio Yepes for use by the Atlanta Police Mounted Patrol.

Section two: that the Atlanta Police Department shall use this gift to enhance Mounted Patrol operations.

Legislative White Paper

Committee of Purview: Public Safety and Legal Administration

Caption A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE MAYOR TO ACCEPT A GIFT TO THE ATLANTA POLICE DEPARTMENT OF ONE THOROUGHBRED HORSE FOR USE BY THE MOUNTED PATROL, VALUED AT \$1,500 AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Council Meeting Date: May 2, 2005

Legislation Title: Horse Donation

Requesting Dept.: Police

Contract Type: Gift

Source Selection: Not applicable

Bids/Proposals Due: Not applicable

Invitations Issued: Not applicable

Number of Bids/ Not applicable

Proposals Received: Not applicable

Bidders/Proponents: Not applicable

Justification Statement: The Atlanta Police Department has been offered a donation of one horse for use by the mounted patrol. The Department's experience with horses has been that a mounted officer has a more commanding presence for asserting authority in an adversarial confrontation. Further, the mobility and flexibility of a mounted officer is critical to specialized police operations, such as crowd control .

Background: The Atlanta Police Department established a Mounted Patrol Unit some years ago to provide increased flexibility to operations commanders when confronted with a variety of scenarios that require a tactical police response. This unit, in conjunction with foot and bike patrol officers has proven to be an effective specialized patrol strategy, especially downtown and in City parks. In addition to the tactical uses the mounted patrol lends itself to, there is also the contribution to the department's community oriented policing initiatives made by the presence of mounted patrol officers. A police officer on horseback is perceived as more approachable by the public and patrol officers with their horses have largely been a big hit at appearances in local schools.

Fund Account Center: To be assigned by the Department of Finance upon award of the grants.

Source of Funds: not applicable

Fiscal Impact: None

Term of Contract: Not applicable

Method of Cost Recovery: Not applicable

Approvals:

DOF:

DOL:

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